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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. INOUYE) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

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1   *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4   This Act may be cited as the "Strengthen Social

5 Work Training Act of 2007".

SEC. 2. SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS.

(a) HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOLS.—Section 736(g)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293(g)(1)(A)) is amended by striking "graduate program in behavioral or mental health" and inserting "graduate program in behavioral or mental health, including a school offering graduate programs in clinical social work, or programs in social work".

(b) SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 737(d)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293a(d)(1)(A)) is amended by striking "mental health practice" and inserting "mental health practice (including graduate programs in clinical psychology, graduate programs in clinical social work, or programs in social work)".

(c) FACULTY POSITIONS.—Section 738(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293b(a)(3)) is amended by striking "offering graduate programs in behavioral and mental health" and inserting "offering graduate programs in behavioral and mental health, including graduate programs in clinical psychology, graduate programs in clinical social work, or programs in social work".

SEC. 3. GERIATRICS TRAINING PROJECTS.

Section 753(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294c(b)(1)) is amended by inserting "schools offering degrees in social work," after "teaching hospitals,".

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SEC. 4. SOCIAL WORK TRAINING PROGRAM.

Subpart 2 of part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 770 as section 770A;

(2) by inserting after section 769, the following:

"SEC. 770. SOCIAL WORK TRAINING PROGRAM.

"(a) TRAINING GENERALLY.—The Secretary may make grants to, or enter into contracts with, any public or nonprofit private hospital, any school offering programs in social work, or to or with a public or private nonprofit entity that the Secretary has determined is capable of carrying out such grant or contract—

"(1) to plan, develop, and operate, or participate in, an approved social work training program (including an approved residency or internship program) for students, interns, residents, or practicing physicians;

"(2) to provide financial assistance (in the form of traineeships and fellowships) to students, interns, residents, practicing physicians, or other individuals, who—

"(A) are in need of such assistance;

"(B) are participants in any such program; and

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1   "(C) plan to specialize or work in the prac-

2   tice of social work;

3   "(3) to plan, develop, and operate a program

4 for the training of individuals who plan to teach in

5 social work training programs; and

6   "(4) to provide financial assistance (in the form

7 of traineeships and fellowships) to individuals who

8 are participants in any such program and who plan

9 to teach in a social work training program.

10   "(b) ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.—

11   "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make

12 grants to or enter into contracts with schools offer-

13 ing programs in social work to meet the costs of

14 projects to establish, maintain, or improve academic

15 administrative units (which may be departments, di-

16 visions, or other units) to provide clinical instruction

17 in social work.

18   "(2) PREFERENCE IN MAKING AWARDS.—In

19 making awards of grants and contracts under para-

20 graph (1), the Secretary shall give preference to any

21 qualified applicant for such an award that agrees to

22 expend the award for the purpose of—

23   "(A) establishing an academic administra-

24   tive unit for programs in social work; or

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1   "(B) substantially expanding the programs

2   of such a unit.

3   "(c) DURATION OF AWARD.—The period during

4 which payments are made to an entity from an award of

5 a grant or contract under subsection (a) may not exceed

6 5 years. The provision of such payments shall be subject

7 to annual approval by the Secretary and subject to the

8 availability of appropriations for the fiscal year involved

9 to make the payments.

10   "(d) FUNDING.—

11   "(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

12   There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out

13   this section $10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years

14   2008 through 2010.

15   "(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appro-

16   priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the

17   Secretary shall make available not less than 20 per-

18   cent for awards of grants and contracts under sub-

19   section (b).''; and

20   (3) in section 770A (as redesignated by para-

21   graph (1)) by inserting "other than section 770,"

22   after "carrying out this subpart,".

23 **SEC. 5. CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES.**

24   Section 1302 of the Public Health Service Act (42

25 U.S.C. 300e–1) is amended—

1   (1) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by inserting
2   "clinical social worker," after "psychologist," each
3   place the term appears;
4   (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking "and psy-
5   chologists" and inserting "psychologists, and clinical
6   social workers"; and
7   (3) in paragraph (5), by inserting "clinical so-
8   cial work," after "psychology,".

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